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Matumbi language

Matuumbi, also known as **Kimatuumbi** and **Kimatumbi**, is a language spoken in Tanzania in the Kipatimu region of the Kilwa District, south of the Rufiji river. It is a Bantu language, P13 in Guthrie's classification. Kimatuumbi is closely related to the Ngindo, Rufiji and Ndengereko languages. It is spoken by about 70,000 people, according to the Ethnologue.

Matuumbi is the augmentative plural of the Kimatuumbi word for 'hills' (singular form: *kituumbi*, class 7/8). *Ki-* is a Bantu noun class prefix attached to nouns of the class that includes languages (cf. Kiswahili, Kikongo).

Matumbi	
Kimatuumbi	
Native to	Tanzania
Region	Kilwa district
Ethnicity	Matumbi people
Native speakers	(72,000 cited 1978)[1]
Language family	Niger–Congo ▪ Atlantic–Congo ▪ Benue–Congo ▪ Bantoid ▪ Bantu ▪ Rufiji–Ruvuma ▪ Mbinga ▪ Matandu ▪ **Matumbi**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	`mgw`
Glottolog	`matu1259 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/matu1259)`[2]
Guthrie code	`P.13`[3]

Notes

1. Matumbi (https://www.ethnologue.com/18/language/mgw/) at *Ethnologue* (18th ed., 2015)
2. Hammarström, Harald; Forkel, Robert; Haspelmath, Martin, eds. (2017). "Matumbi" (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/matu1259). *Glottolog 3.0*. Jena, Germany: Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History.
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